

Wise, Winklosky top 67th Little 'I' Exposition

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UNIVERSITY PARK — The Penn State Ag Arena, coined by many as "a dream becomes reality," opened its doors for the first time last Saturday to host the 67th Little International Livestock Exposition.

Although construction work is incomplete, the Ag Arena's debut gave all in attendance a preview of what's in store for Penn State's College of Agriculture and others who plan to use the facilities. And for those students who participated in the Little "I" Expo, history was made as they were part of the first official event in the building.

Two of those students competing in the Little "I," which is sponsored by the Penn State Block and Bridle Club, had other reasons to mark this day in their books. They were named the overall grand champion showman and reserve champion showman.

Bill Wise, Spring Grove, exhibiting outstanding showmanship qualities, was named the grand champion showman. The reserve honors went to Paul Winklosky, Derry.

To earn this recognition, Wise and Winklosky competed against the other college showmen who won in their respective beef, swine, sheep and horse classes. Each

showman was required to show an animal of each breed to qualify for the overall honors.

In the beef division, Robert Livingston, Dover, was named champion fitter, while Brian Zerby, Knoxville, was reserve champion fitter. Wise was the champion beef showman, and J.D. Shanks, Mocksville, N.C., was reserve champion.

The individual Angus breed winners were: Charlotte Zebley, Airville, champion showman; Betty Takacs, Allegheny, reserve champion showman; and Brian Zerby, champion fitter; and Bill Wylie, Nottingham, reserve champion fitter.

Polled Hereford winners were: J.D. Shanks, champion showman and reserve champion fitter; and Robert Livingston, champion fitter and reserve champion showman. Charolais honors were won by: Bill Wise, champion showman; Susan Moose, Gettysburg, reserve champion showman; Brian Baker, Saxton, champion fitter; and Kevin McLaren, Meadville, reserve champion fitter.

In the horse class, the champion showman was Ruth Ann Grace, Trainer, and the reserve champion showman was Elizabeth Ann Morgan, Clearfield. Morgan was also named champion fitter, while

Metuchen, N.J., was reserve champion fitter.

Overall sheep honors were earned by Deb McCammon, Bedford, champion showman, and Lisa Dobrosky, Glen Rock, champion fitter. Jim Black, Avella, was named reserve champion showman, and Laurie Dobrosky, Glen Rock, was reserve champion fitter.

The Suffolk breed winners were:

Jim Black, champion showman; Bill MacCauley, Atglen, reserve champion showman; Marie Bettuci, Spring Mills, champion fitter; and Daryl Schafer, Spring City, reserve champion fitter.

Dorset winners were: Deb McCammon, champion showman; Laurie Dobrosky, reserve champion showman, and reserve champion fitter; and Lisa Dobrosky, champion fitter.

High honors for swine were presented to Paul Winklosky, champion showman, and Dave Hartman, Turbotville, reserve champion showman. The champion fitter was Donna Streett, New London, and the reserve champion fitter was Steve Torok, Burnham.

The Yorkshire swine winners were: Dave Hartman, champion showman and reserve champion

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Little International Exposition show manager Alan Wright, left, presents the overall reserve grand champion showman award to Paul Winklosky, while assistant show manager Keith Bryan, right, presents Bill Wise his award for overall grand champion showman honors.



Displaying their awards for Little "I" horse competition are, from left, Beth Ann Morgan, Kelly Diehl and Ruth Ann Grac.

Dobroskys honored

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Dobrosky looks at his own involvement with his daughters as the core for his interest in youth. An active 4-H family, the Dobroskys have been able to grow together while reaching goals through youth programs.

Dobrosky believes that 4-H is a family affair and "it works better that way." He and his wife, Pat, continuously give support and a helping hand to daughters Laurie and Lisa, both Penn State students.

During their 4-H days, Laurie and Lisa were involved in sheep breeding and showing. Dobrosky said that the breeding project, which the girls undertook themselves, did more to "make the girls mature and learn about life."

"At the age of 13," Dobrosky recalled, "Lisa delivered her first lamb and probably saved its life. No one else was at home and she delivered the lamb by herself."

In addition to these unexpected tasks, the sisters were responsible for health treatments such as worming, administering vaccines, shearing and trimming. Besides caring for their sheep, largely Dorset and Suffolk breeds, Laurie and Lisa participated in livestock and meats judging teams.

And behind them were a very concerned and helpful mother and father.

"More parents should participate with young people in their activities," Dobrosky said. "You need to enjoy those kind of experiences with your children."

Parents can teach their children

to be good winners as well as good losers, Dobrosky said. They can also teach their children to have a respect, not only for animals, but those around them.

Dobrosky said he has received much fulfillment in helping his daughters grow as individuals. Throughout the years, he and his wife, have always been ready with a listening ear when Laurie and Lisa have needed help with projects.

"We've given them suggestions and have helped with their equipment," Dobrosky said. "We've gotten together and helped design decorations. We've participated as a family."

The family participation hasn't stopped with 4-H. Now Penn State students, Laurie, a senior, and Lisa, a junior, can continue to look towards their parents for support. In fact, Dobrosky and Pat were on hand to cheer their daughters on in Little International Livestock competition last weekend.

Dobrosky said he hopes that whatever he has shared with his daughters will help them make future decisions and career choices. Laurie, who will graduate next month, is an animal production major with plans to work in agriculture communications or public relations. Lisa is working towards a degree in English.

With a commitment to youth and his family, Dobrosky has proved that his philosophy of 4-H as a family affair can be a winning combination



With smiles to go along with their Little "I" swine awards are, front from left, Steve Torok, Carol Steeb and Dave Hartman; back from left, Paul Winklosky, George Sanders, John Middleton, Ray Foerster and Bob Goodban.



Beef awards are presented to Little "I" competitors, front from left, Bob Livingston, Charlotte Zebley, Rebecca Takacs and Kevin McLaren; back from left, Brian Zerby, Bill Wise, Bill Wylie and Brian Baker.